

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner and his supervisor for the personal interview conducted on February 15, 2006. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of that interview and amended as necessary to put the case into a condition for allowance.

Claims 7, 15-17, and 19-21 remain in this application. Claims 1-6, 8-14, 18, and 22-38 have been canceled.

Claims 7, 17, and 19-21 have been indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Claims 9-14 were rejected by the Examiner in a previous action; however, those claims have been canceled, making their rejections moot. Claims 15 and 16 have been put into independent format, as suggested by the Examiner, and thus are allowable. Accordingly, all claims are in a condition for allowance, as indicated by the Examiner.

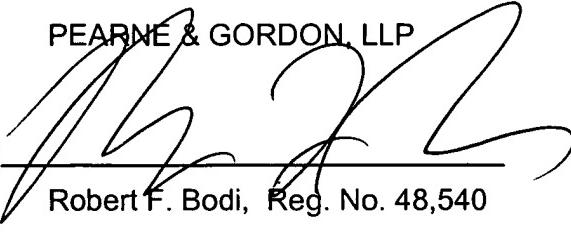
In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33781.

Respectfully submitted,

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